HAITEN
HUNTER'S GUILD

NOISY
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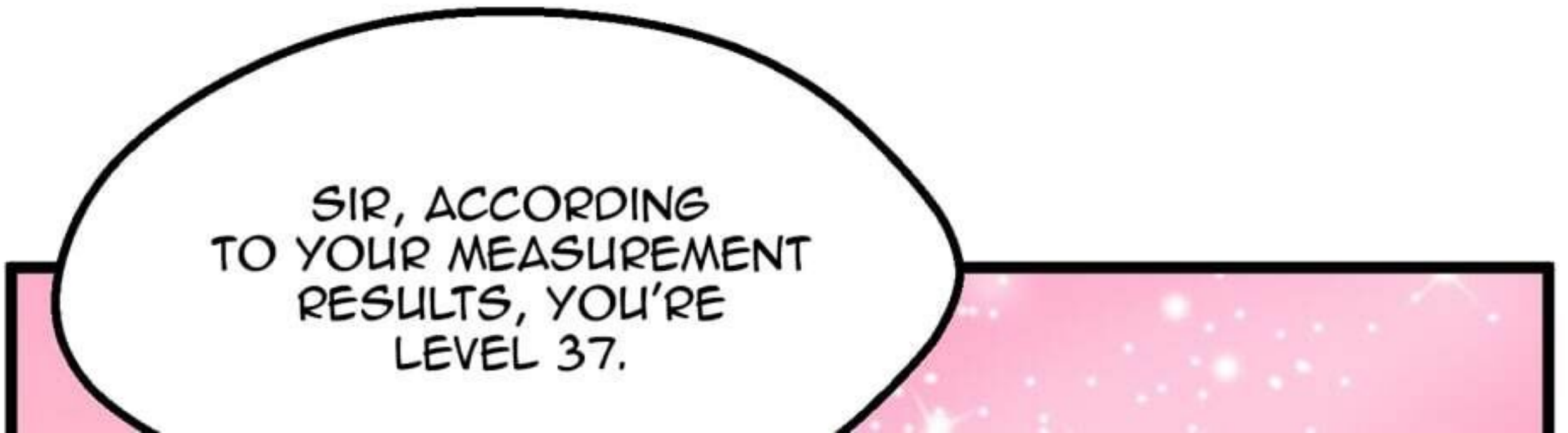

SIR, ACCORDING TO YOUR MEASUREMENT RESULTS, YOU'RE LEVEL 37.

YOUR HUNTER REGISTRATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THANK YOU.

HAPPY

OH NO, HAHA... THANK YOU.

DAMN, IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE A HANDSOME HUNTER LIKE HIM CAME TO THIS SWEAT PIT

SO WHY DO I HAVE TO HELP THIS PERVERT?!

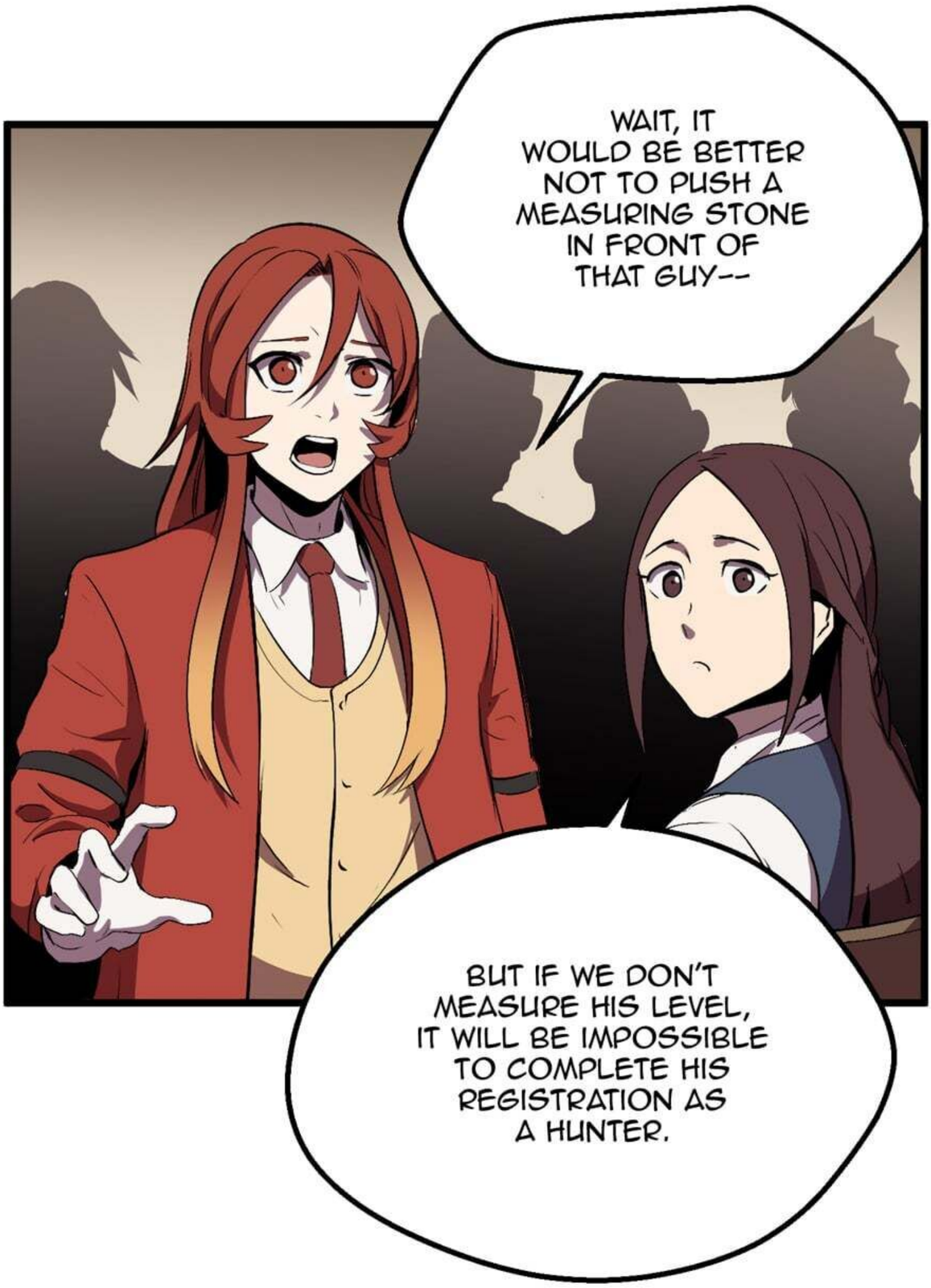
UM... MR. 'PELADD BIN'?

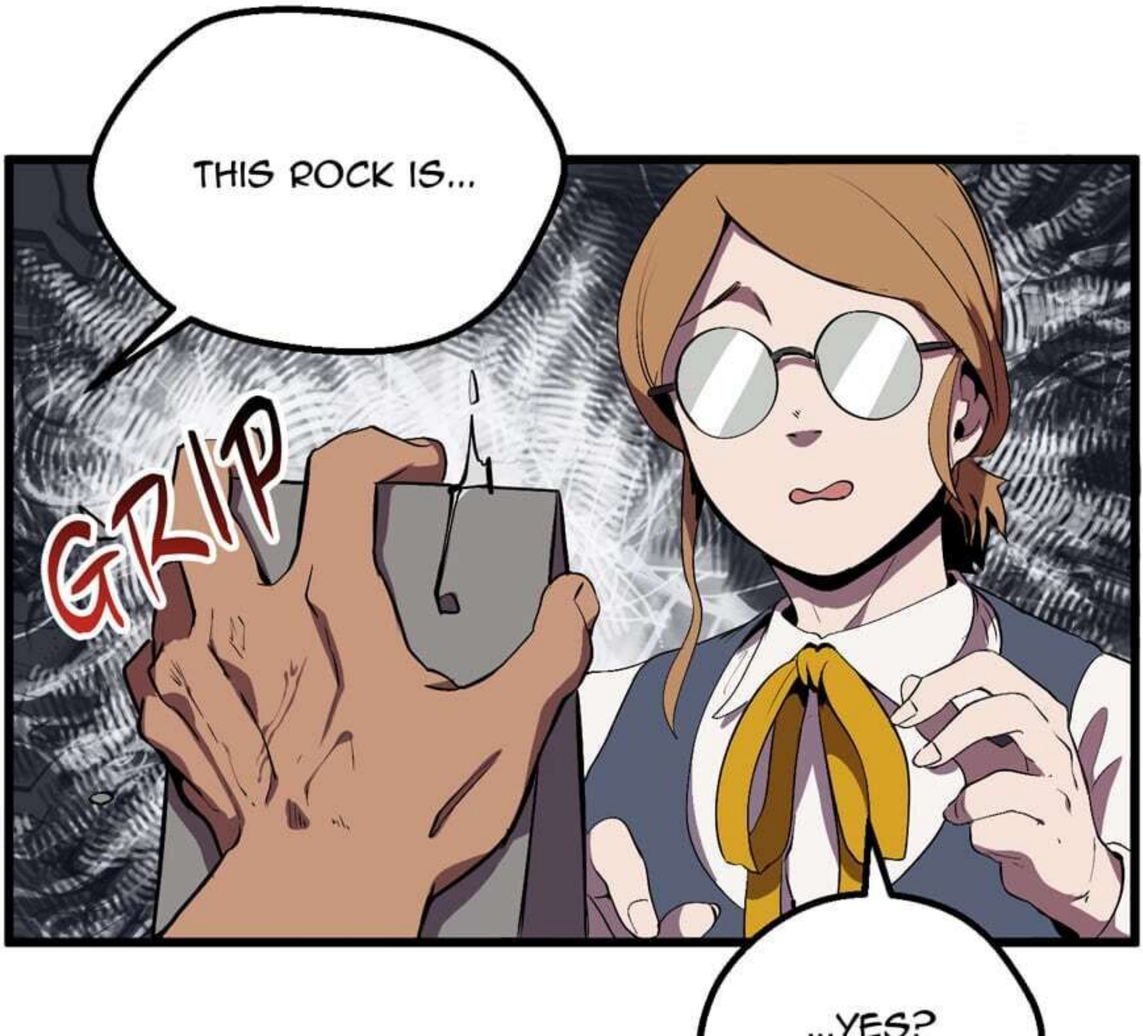
I'M SORRY FOR ASKING, BUT...
NOISY
NOISY
IT'S A BIT RUDE TO THE OTHER HUNTERS, SO COULD YOU PERHAPS PUT SOME CLOTHES...

GLARE
AH, NO! FORGIVE ME!!

H-HERE...
I WILL CHECK YOUR LEVEL NOW WITH THE MEASURING STONE!!
CLUNK
...MEASURING STONE?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SUCH A FLASHY HUNTER IN ALL THE TIME I'VE DONE BUSINESS HERE.
NOISY
NOISY
YOU SEE THEM ONCE IN A WHILE, DON'T YOU?
YOU KNOW, GUYS WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO SHOW OFF THEIR BODIES.
IT'S NOT LIKE HAVING A NICE BODY IS GOING TO PREVENT A SWORD FROM PIERCING THEM.


WAIT, IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO PUSH A MEASURING STONE IN FRONT OF THAT GUY--
BUT IF WE DON'T MEASURE HIS LEVEL, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETE HIS REGISTRATION AS A HUNTER.


THIS ROCK IS...
GRIP
...YES?

THIS ROCK IS EVIL!!
THIS BODY SHALL...!

NEVER BE TAINTED WITH!

SUCH DIRTY MAGIC!!

HE DESTROYED THE MEASURING STONE WITH ONE HAND?
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM...

JUST NOW, DID THAT MAN...

CALL THE MEASURING STONE, *EVIL?*

NO WAY!

BUT JUST LOOK AT HIS BODY! DOES THAT LOOK LIKE A NORMAL PERSON?
I'VE ONLY HEARD RUMORS, I DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD BE REAL...
S-SIR, THIS MIGHT BE RUDE, BUT...
ARE YOU PERHAPS...

FROM THE WARRIOR NATION, VALTARA?
LATNIA

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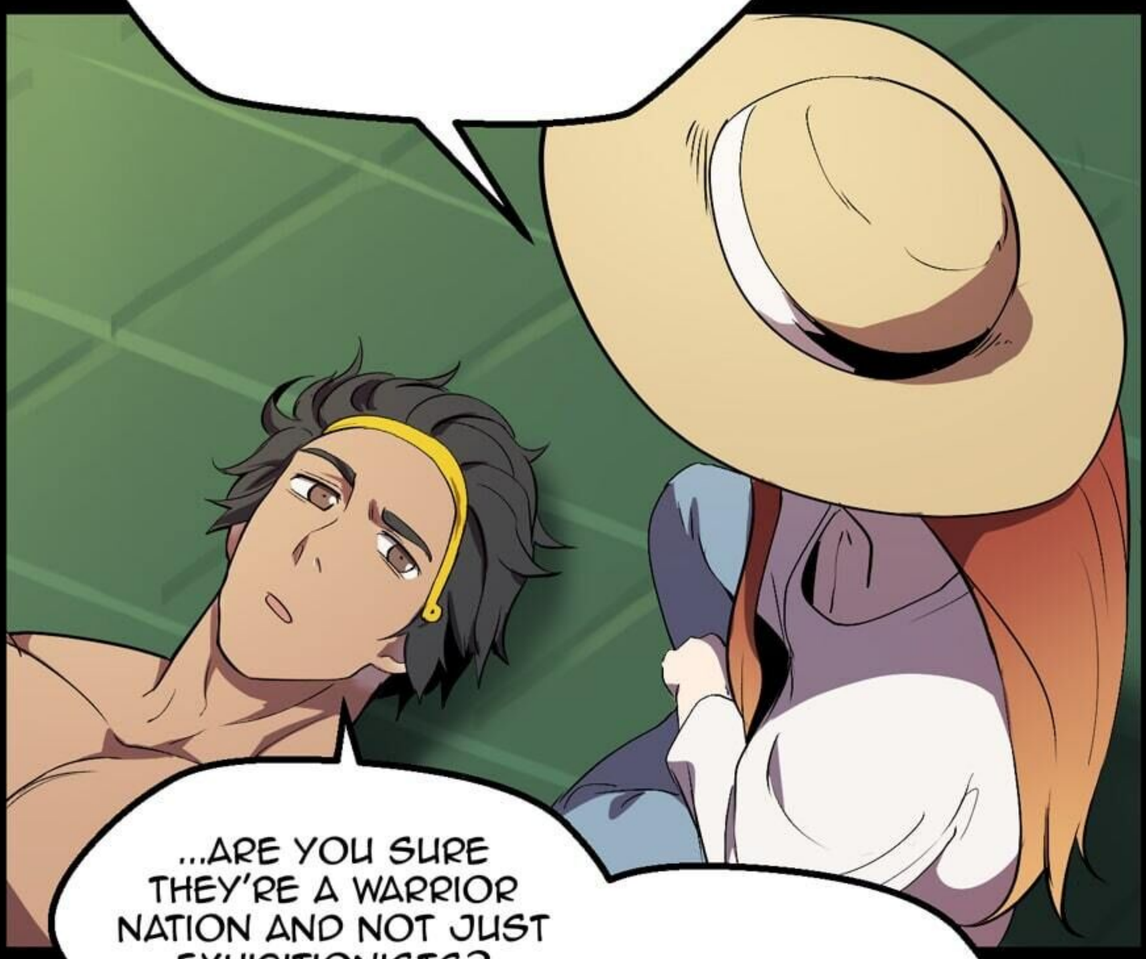
THE WARRIOR NATION OF VALTARA?

WHAT DOES DISGUISING MYSELF AS ONE OF THEM
HAVE TO DO WITH

ME TANNING AND WALKING AROUND WITHOUT ANY CLOTHES ON?

VALTARAN WARRIORS PRIDE THEMSELVES ON THEIR GOLDEN MUSCLES.



...ARE YOU SURE THEY'RE A WARRIOR NATION AND NOT JUST EXHIBITIONISTS?

DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE THEM?

THE VALTARAN TRIBES ARE A MINORITY THAT LIVE MAINLY ON A BARREN ISLAND IN THE FAR EAST.

SCRIBBLE

PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION OF THEM IS...

HOW SHOULD I SAY... SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

BEHOLD, THE WARRIOR NATION OF VALTARA!

Kelikotasaurus (level 40)
Used as transportation through the wilderness.

Cheol-su's grandfather
(84 years old)

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS NIGHTMARE?!

AND WHERE'S THE DAD?!

THE DAD TRAVELLED TO THE LATNA CONTINENT IN ORDER TO BECOME A TRUE WARRIOR.
Peladd Bin
(Cheol-su's dad)
WHY AM I THE DAD?! I DON'T HAVE KIDS LIKE THAT!
THIS IS 'PELADD BIN'S' BACKSTORY.

FINE, SO LET'S SAY I WALK AROUND IN THIS EMBARRASSING STATE AS A MARRIED VALTARAN MAN!
FWICK
HOW DOES THAT HELP?!

IF YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AS A VALTARAN WARRIOR, YOU WON'T HAVE TO HIDE YOUR STRENGTH ANYMORE.

AND THAT WAY, IF YOU GET FAMOUS BY CLEARING DUNGEONS, THE CHURCHES OF THE SIX GODDESSES WILL NOTICE YOU.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT BEFORE ALL THAT, I NEED TO USE THE MEASURING STONE TO DETERMINE MY LEVEL IN ORDER TO BECOME A HUNTER?

HAA

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, HANBIN, YOU NEED TO DESTROY THE MEASURING STONE.

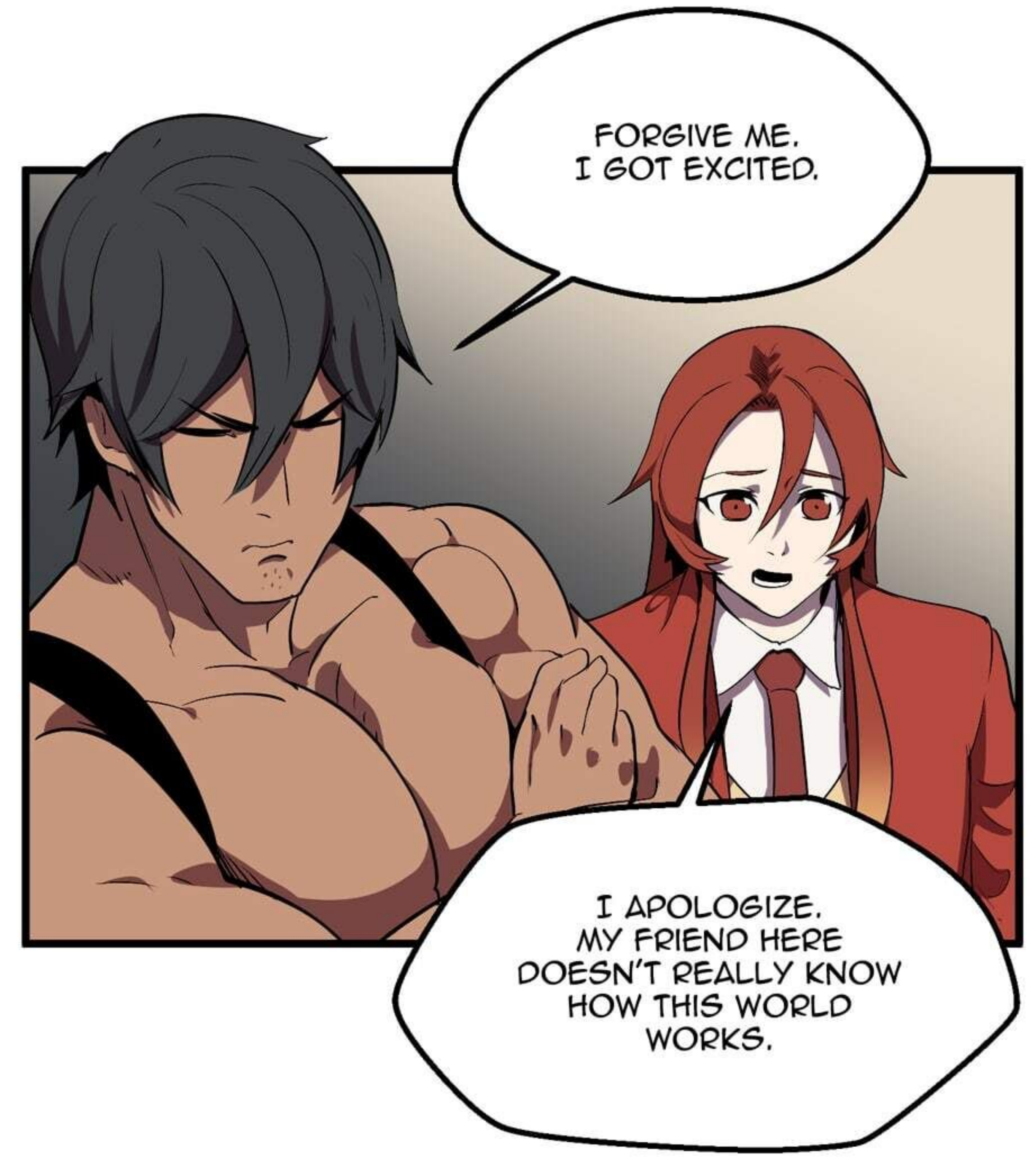
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?!

LEAVE THE REST UP TO ME.

VALTARA? WHY IS THE SWORD KING RACE HERE...?

I HEARD HE TRAVELED HERE TO FULFILL A DUTY.

HANBIN DEFINITELY LOOKS LIKE A VALTARAN WARRIOR TO OTHERS.
LOOK, PELADD, YOU SCARED THE RECEPTIONIST.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
NOW WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? YOU'VE DESTROYED THE MEASURING STONE.


FORGIVE ME.
I GOT EXCITED.
I APOLOGIZE.
MY FRIEND HERE
DOESN'T REALLY KNOW
HOW THIS WORLD
WORKS.

AS YOU KNOW,

THE MEASURING STONE IS A MAGICAL TOOL THAT USES MAGIC STONES...

SO IT WOULD BE A FORBIDDEN OBJECT TO A VALTARAN WARRIOR.

TH-THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE ***EVIL STONES!***

OF COURSE, WE'LL COMPENSATE YOU FOR THE BROKEN MEASURING STONE.

FWICK
H-HOWEVER, IF HE DOESN'T REGISTER AS A HUNTER, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ACT AS A PARTY.

THAT'S FINE. MY FRIEND DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A HUNTER IN PARTICULAR.

YOU CAN JUST REGISTER HIM AS MY BODYGUARD. THAT'S ENOUGH.

BODYGUARD?
IF HE HAD A GOOD REASON LIKE THAT, THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF PRETENDING TO BE A VALTARAN?
GULP
OH NO, THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S BECAUSE I'M A VALTARAN THAT I'M ABLE TO AVOID GETTING MY LEVEL EVALUATED BY THE MEASURING STONE.

AND EVEN THOUGH THE DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTERING AS A BODYGUARD ARE A BIT TRICKY...

MR. BANNISTER, THE PAPERS...

AH, I FORGOT THEM AT HOME...

SO WOULD IT BE OKAY TO KEEP IT A SECRET BETWEEN US?

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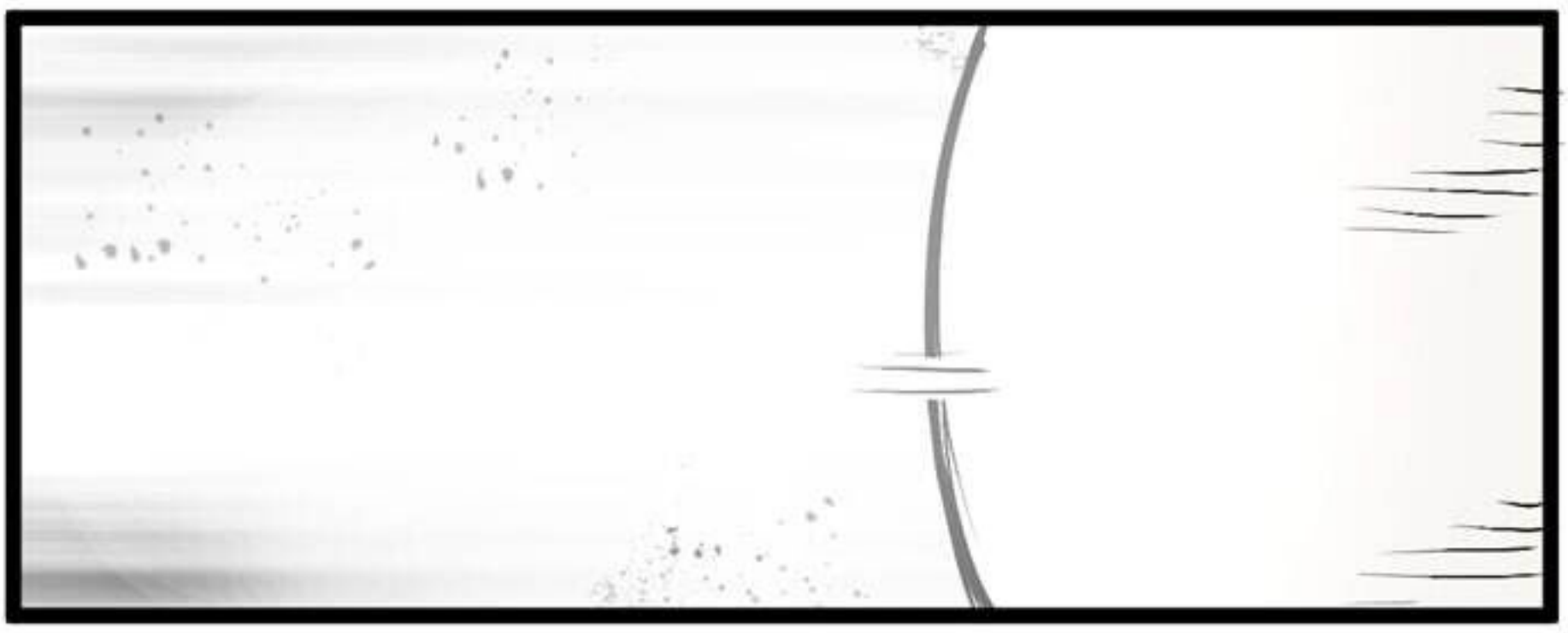
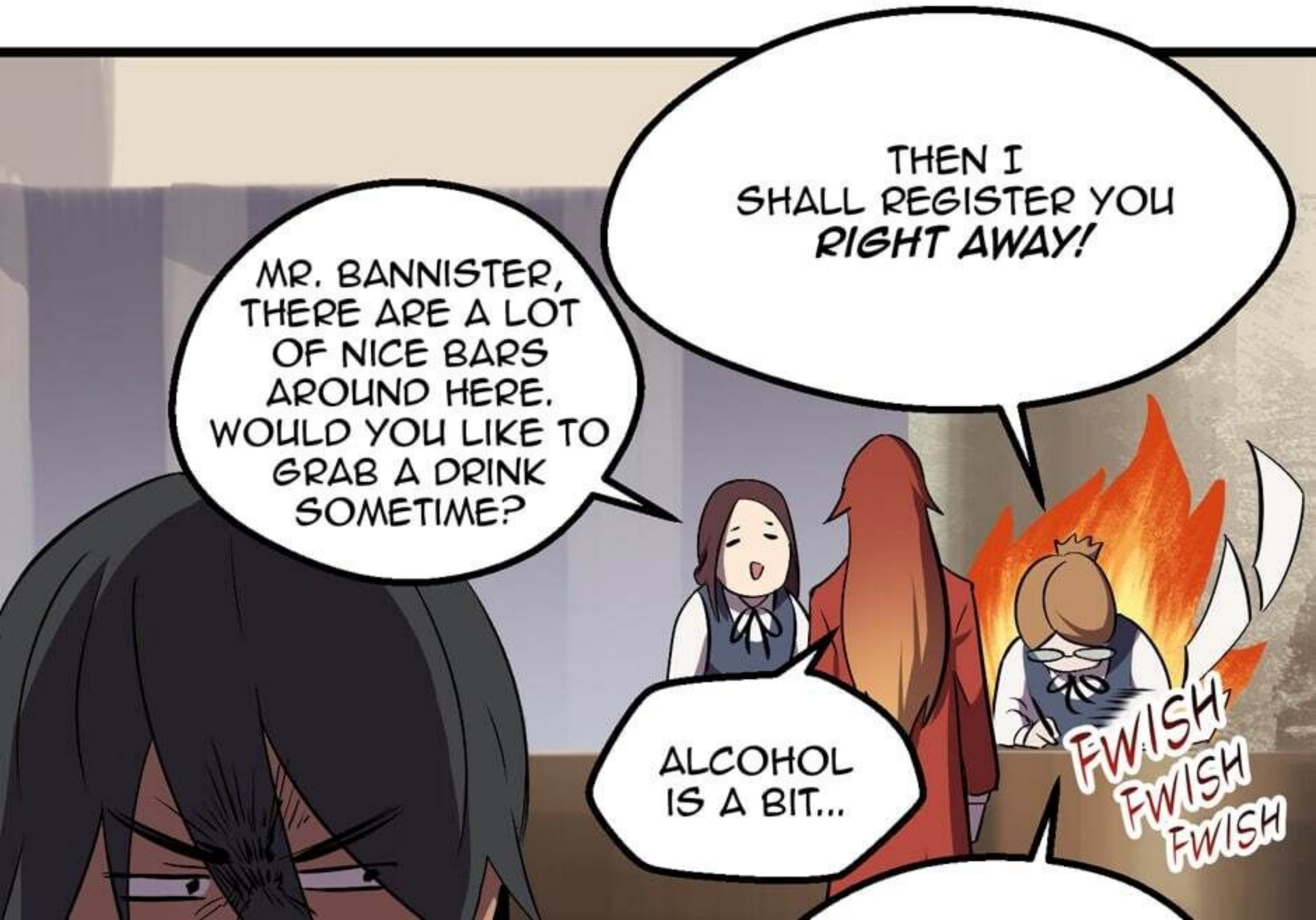



MR. BANNISTER, THERE ARE A LOT OF NICE BARS AROUND HERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GRAB A DRINK SOMETIME?
THEN I SHALL REGISTER YOU RIGHT AWAY!
ALCOHOL IS A BIT...
FWISH FWISH FWISH

OH MY, HOW ADORABLE! THEN HOW ABOUT COFFEE?

ARTIS, YOU **BASTARD**... HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT'S POPULAR...!

NO! IT'S THANKS TO ARTIS THAT I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING CAUGHT ANYMORE!

I ALREADY KNEW THAT AFTER I GOT A BODY LIKE THIS, I WOULDN'T BE POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS!!

EXCUSE ME...

IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TEMPORARILY JOINING OUR PARTY?

HAA

(HAA)

WE HAVE A SHAMAN IN OUR PARTY!

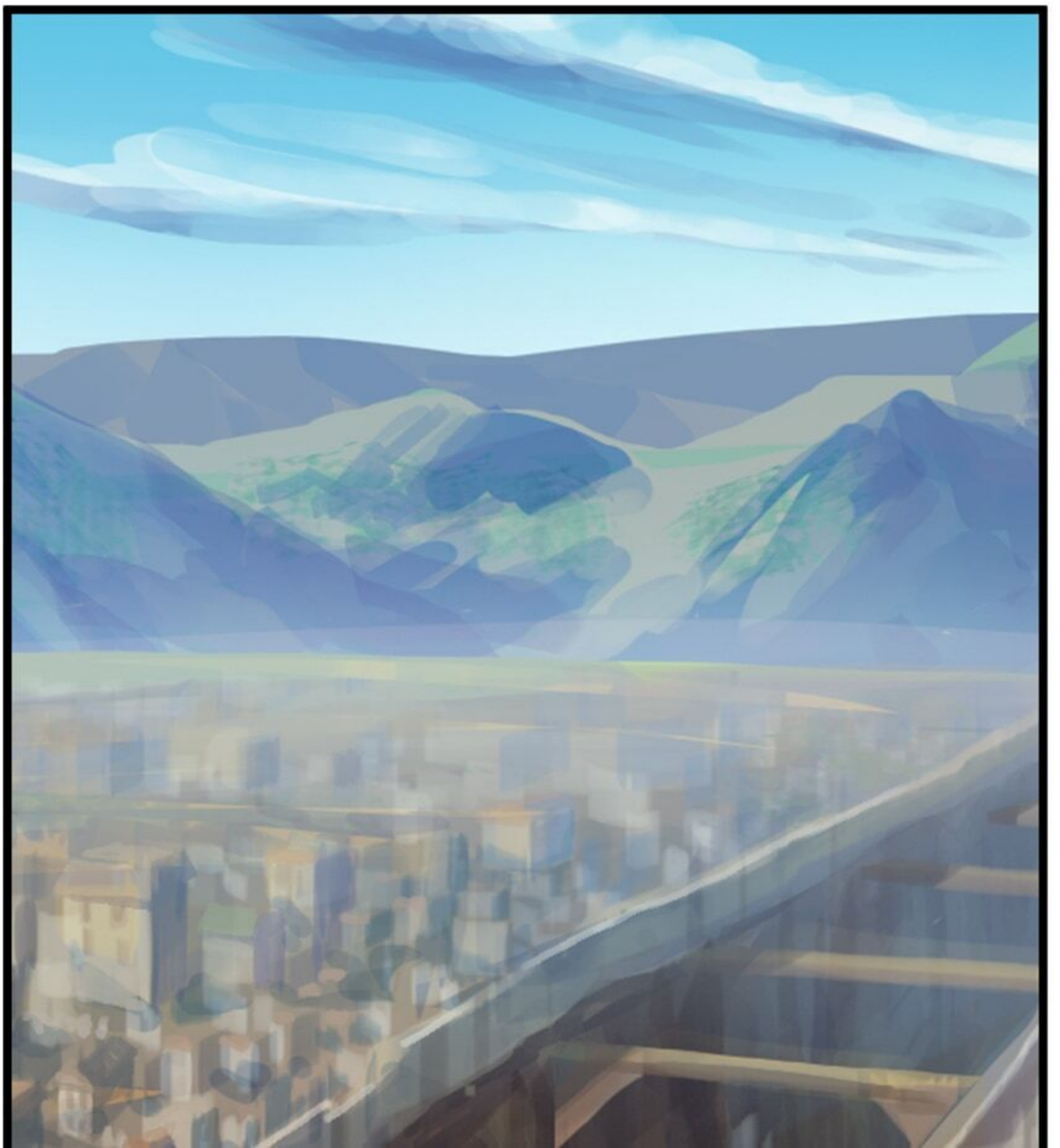
CAN I TOUCH YOUR MUSCLES, JUST ONCE?

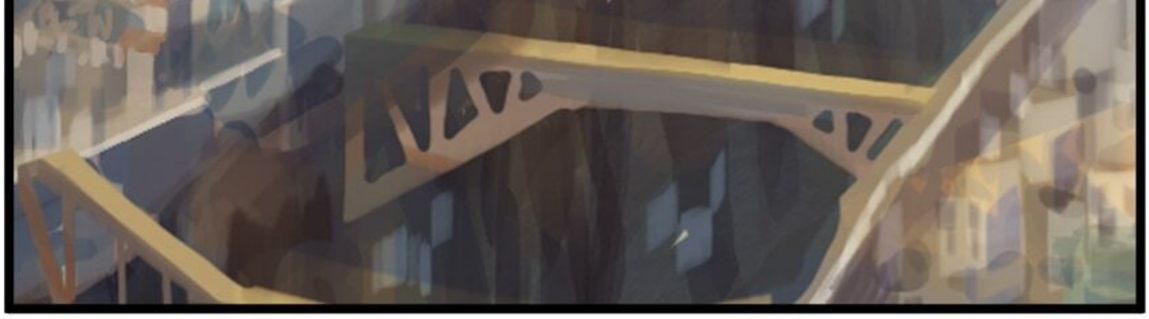
STOP...!
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED...

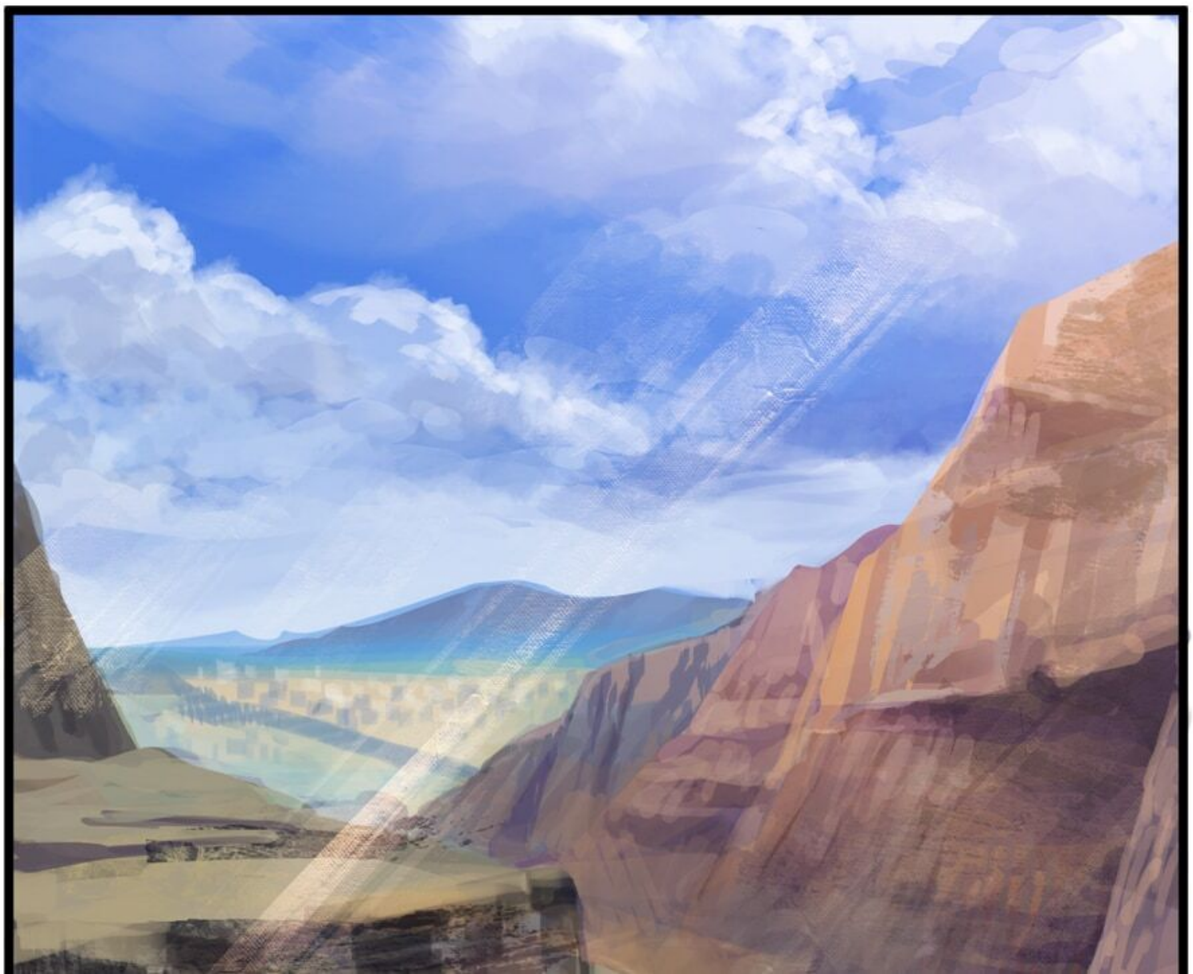
WE'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF OUR PROFITS IF YOU

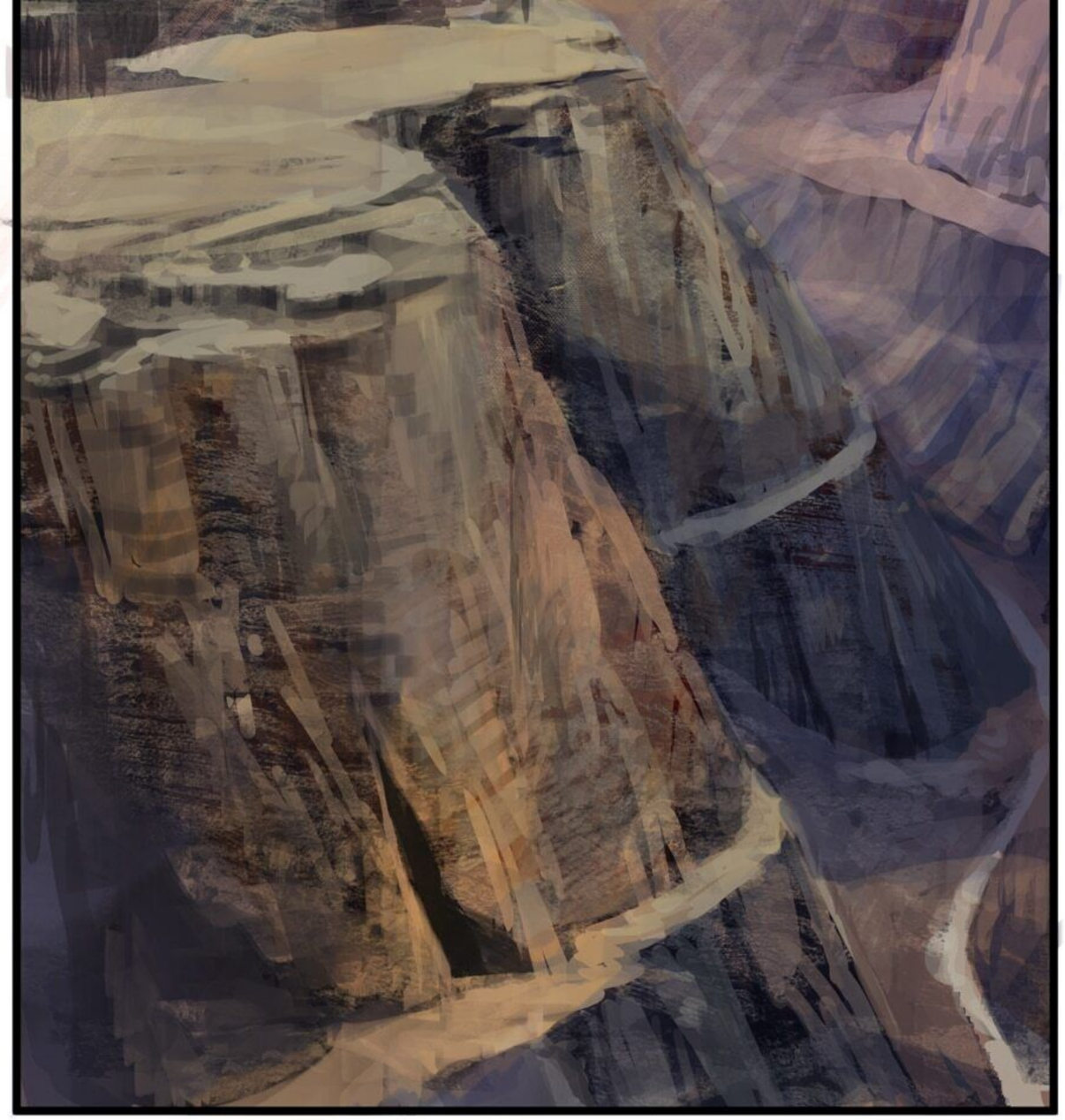
JOIN OUR PARTY!
WE'LL GIVE YOU SEVENTY PERCENT!
PLEASE JUST GO TO A DUNGEON WITH US ONE TIME!
PLEASE, LET ME TOUCH YOUR MUSCLES ONE TIME!
HOW MUCH CAN YOU LIFT?!
YOUR MUSCLES, JUST ONCE!!

ENOUGH!!









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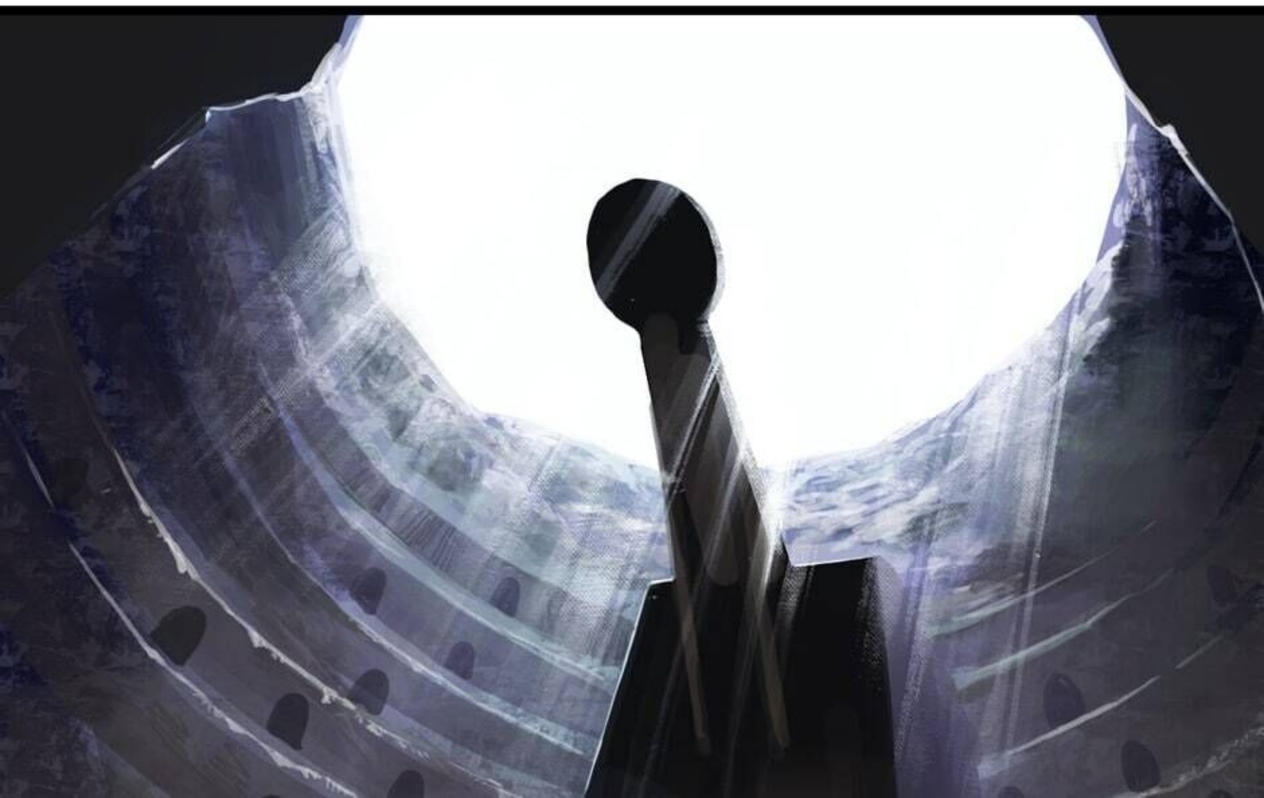
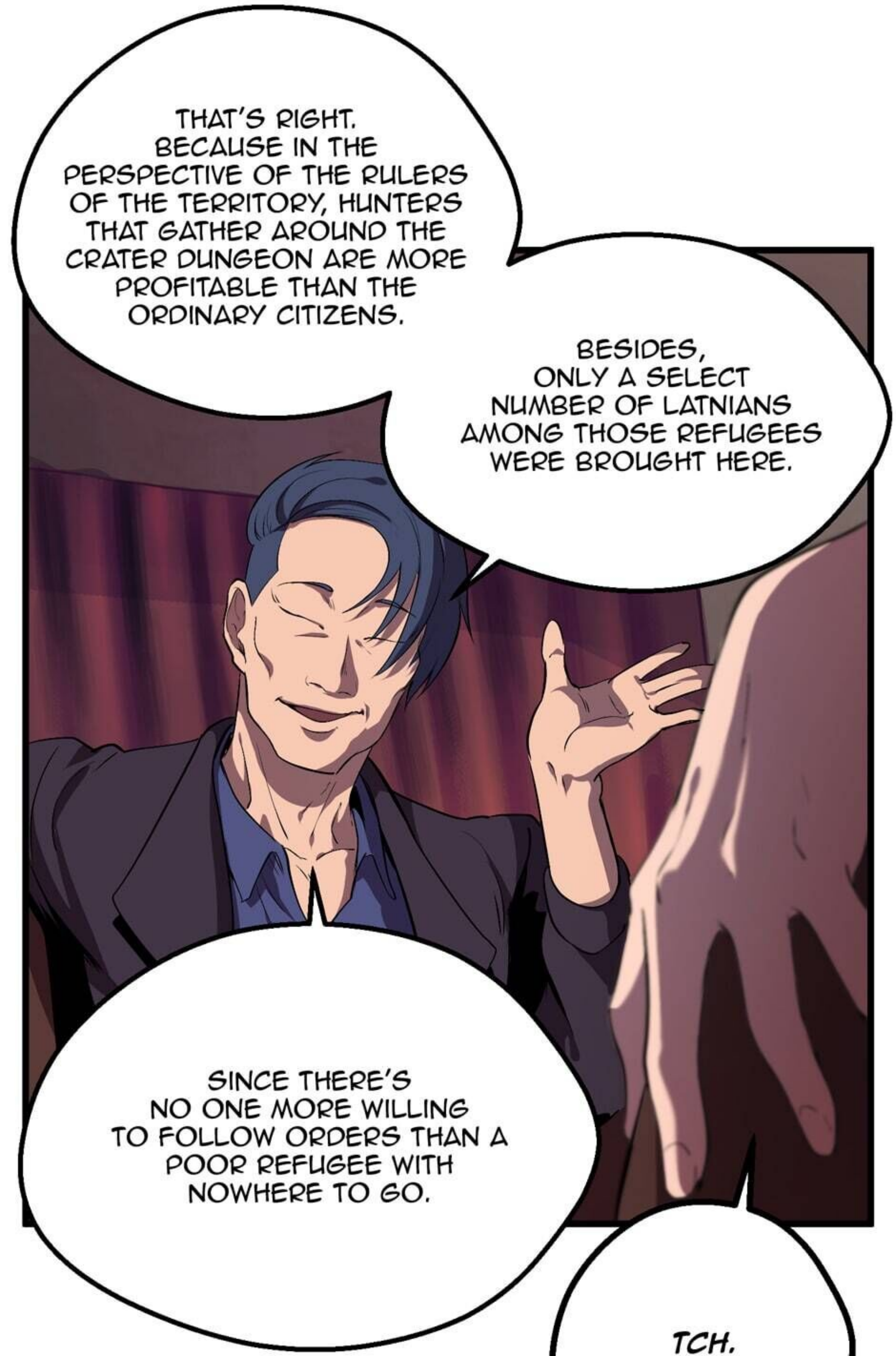


THE SCALE OF THIS PLACE HAS GOTTEN BIGGER.

AND YOU'VE CAUGHT A GOOD NUMBER OF LATNIANS AS WELL.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN CAUGHT THEM~? I ONLY WELCOMED REFUGEES THAT HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.
DUNGEON REFUGEES?


THAT'S RIGHT. BECAUSE IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE RULERS OF THE TERRITORY, HUNTERS THAT GATHER AROUND THE CRATER DUNGEON ARE MORE PROFITABLE THAN THE ORDINARY CITIZENS.
BESIDES, ONLY A SELECT NUMBER OF LATNIANS AMONG THOSE REFUGEES WERE BROUGHT HERE.
SINCE THERE'S NO ONE MORE WILLING TO FOLLOW ORDERS THAN A POOR REFUGEE WITH NOWHERE TO GO.
TCH.

ALEJANDRO, ARE YOU SAYING YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING?
THE DRAGONS GAVE US THIS PLACE AS EVIDENCE OF OUR ALLIANCE WITH THEM.

LESLIE~,
THAT'S NOT IT. IT'S BECAUSE OF MY SKILL THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD ONTO THIS PLACE!

THAT'S RIGHT,
JUST AS SHE SAID,
EVERY DRAGON THAT'S OVER 500 YEARS OLD HAS JOINED US.

IF ONE OF THEM IS A TRAITOR, THEN WE MUST DISRUPT ITS PLANS.

STILL... ISN'T IT FORTUNATE THAT WHEN HE RAN AWAY, HE CAME TO THIS VICINITY?

AND THE ONLY PLACES HE CAN LIVE IN WITH HIS HUMAN FORM ARE DUNGEON CITIES.

EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW THAT, THE DRAGON'S BLOOD HAS DRIED UP, SO WE CAN'T USE THE TRACKING SKILL ANYMORE.

SO IT LOOKS LIKE ALEJANDRO, THE SMART ASS, WILL NEED TO QUICKLY FIND HIM.

HEY, LESLIE...

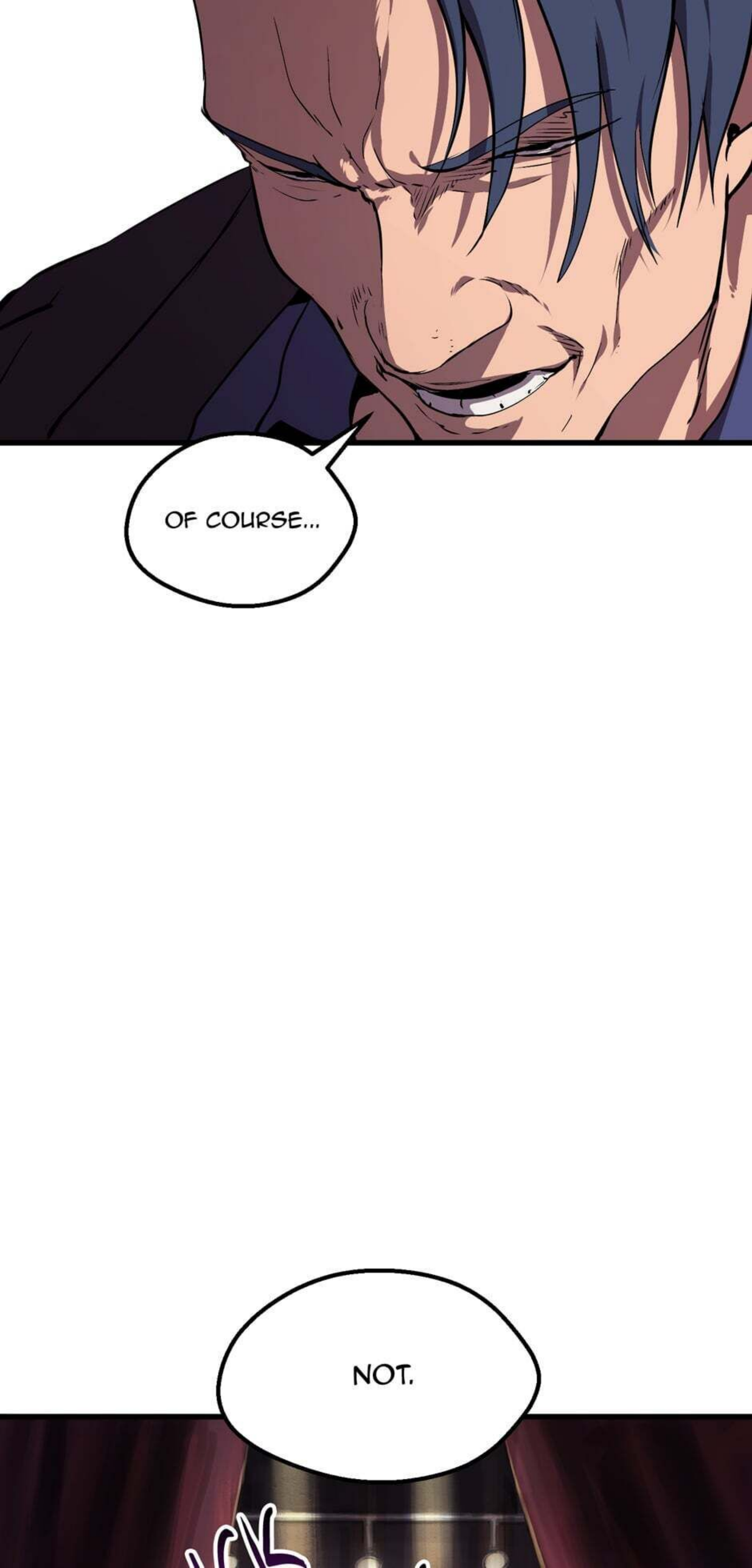
IT ISN'T MY FAULT THAT WE LOST THAT DRAGON.

CREAK

ALEJANDRO...

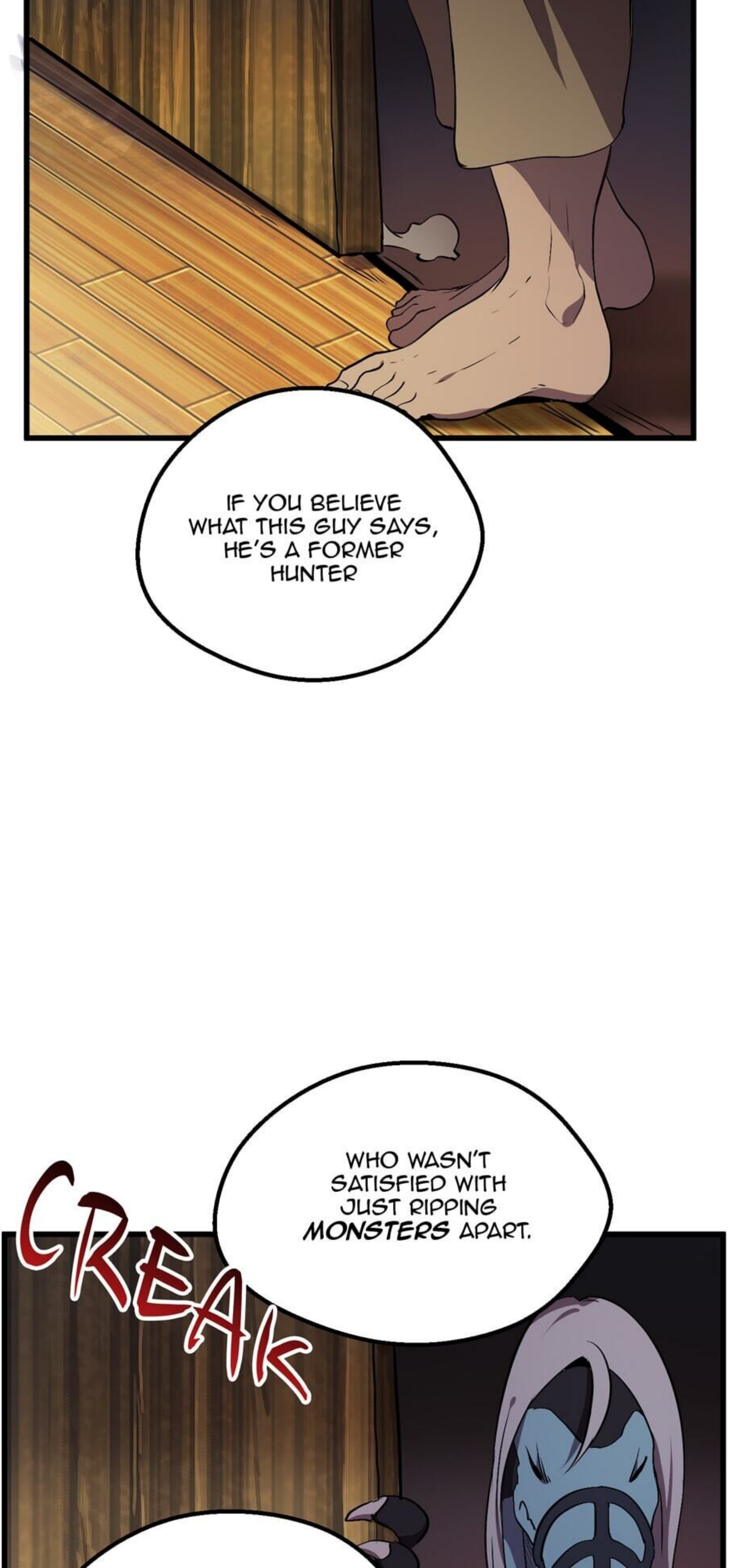
WAS THE REASON THAT YOU CALLED US HERE,

JUST SO
THAT YOU CAN BRAG ABOUT HOW YOU PLAY KING ALL DAY?


OF COURSE...
NOT.

A STAGE?

SEND HIM IN.


IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT THIS GUY SAYS, HE'S A FORMER HUNTER
WHO WASN'T SATISFIED WITH JUST RIPPING MONSTERS APART.
CREAK

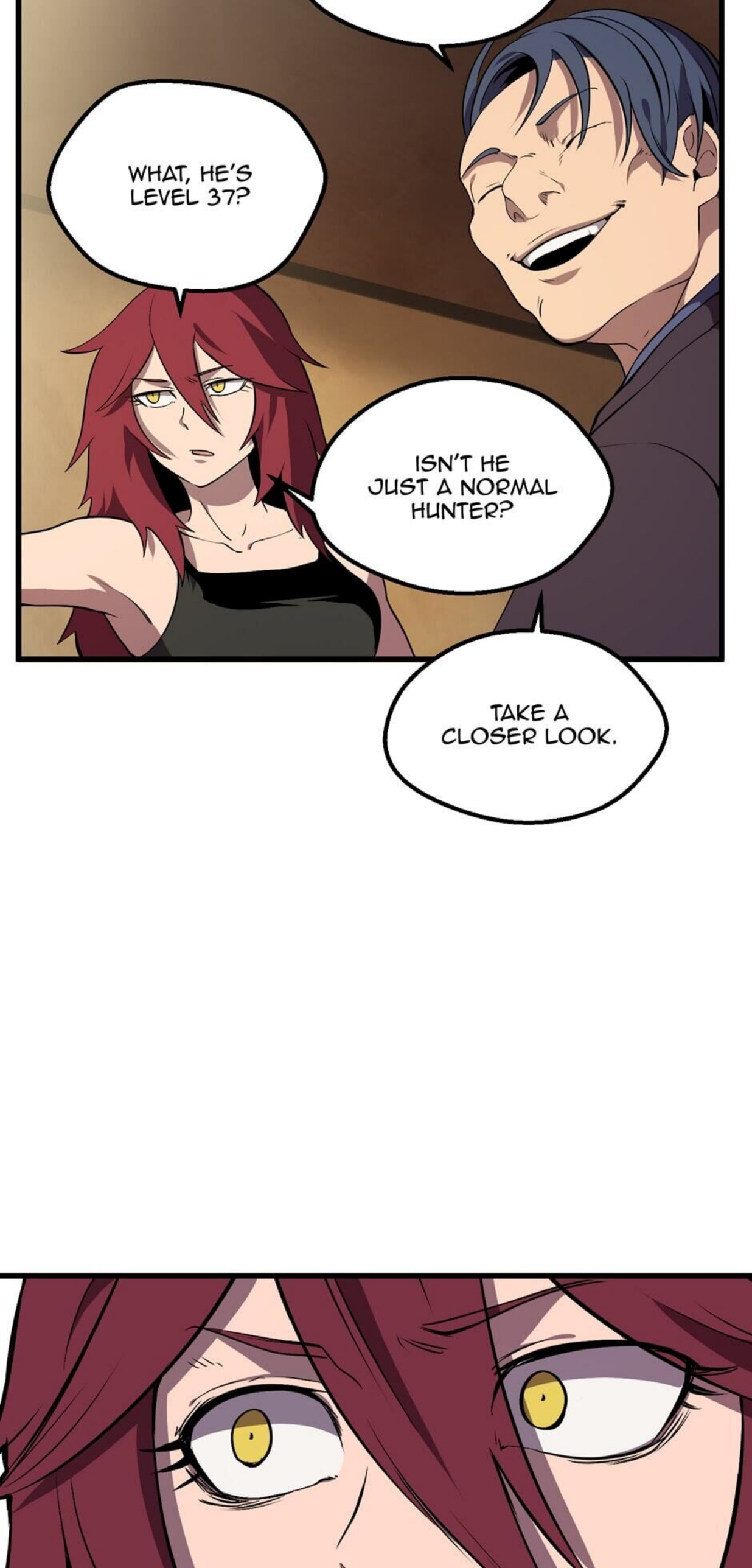
SO HE STARTED KILLING FEMALE HUNTERS IN DUNGEONS AND ENDED UP GETTING CAUGHT,
HE PROBABLY KILLED ABOUT 25 HUNTERS? ANYWAY,
I STOLE THIS THING RIGHT BEFORE HIS EXECUTION.

BOSS.

DRRRRRK

IF I DO WHAT YOU TELL ME TO DO, YOU'LL REALLY LET ME GO?

OF COURSE~!

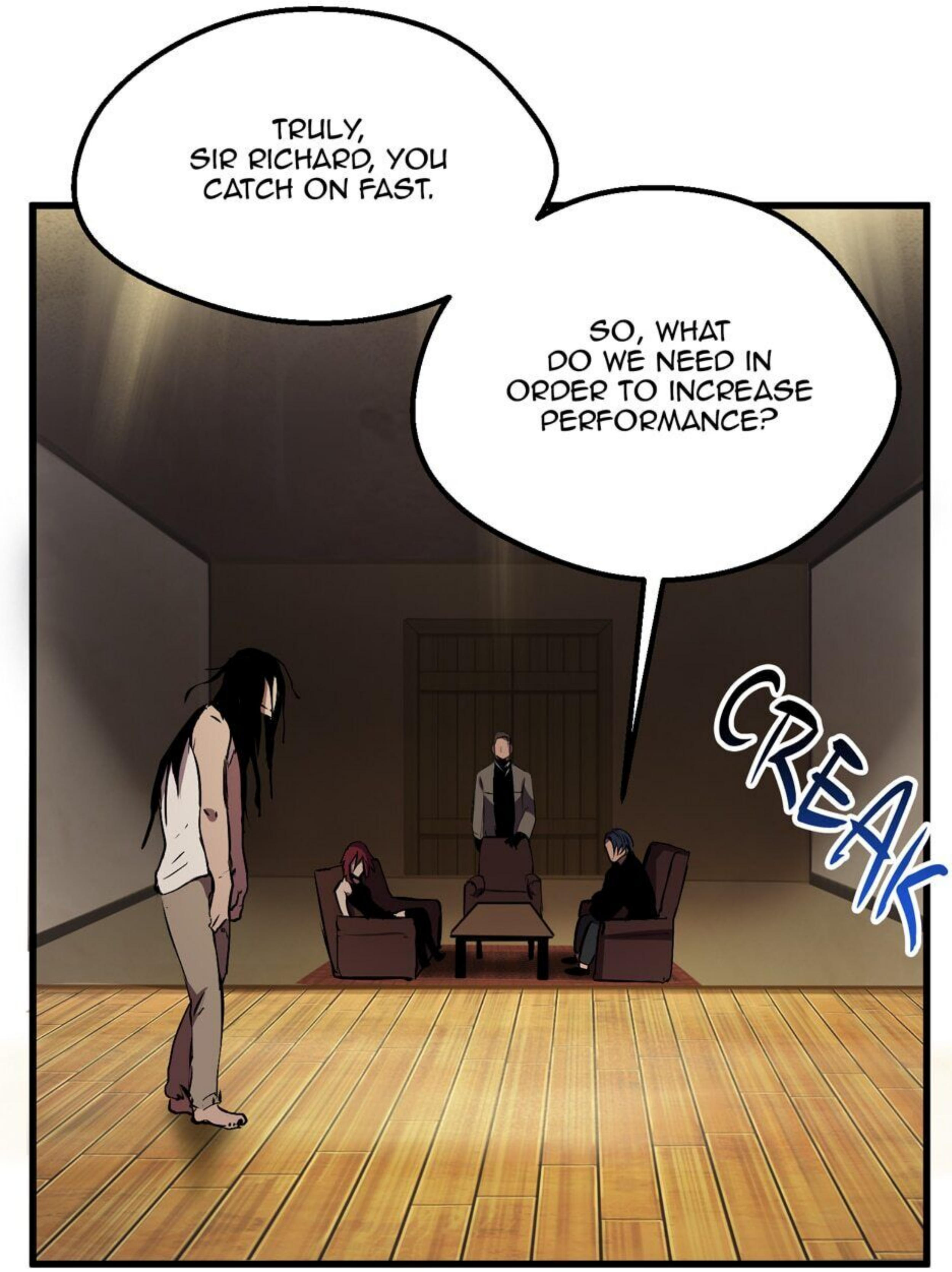

WHAT, HE'S LEVEL 37?
ISN'T HE JUST A NORMAL HUNTER?
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.

THAT'S...!

AN ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE?

BUT NO ONE'S EVER SURVIVED THE IMPLANTATION OF AN ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE UP TO THIS POINT!
WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY WE'VE SWITCHED FROM DUNGEON EXTRACTION TO *HUMAN* EXTRACTION?

HAVE YOU MINIMIZED THE SIDE EFFECTS OF TRANSPLANTATION?
HOWEVER, THIS STILL FALLS FAR BELOW THE PERFORMANCE OF WHAT THAT PERSON WANTS.


TRULY, SIR RICHARD, YOU CATCH ON FAST.
SO, WHAT DO WE NEED IN ORDER TO INCREASE PERFORMANCE?
CREAK

CREAK
HNNG
HIC

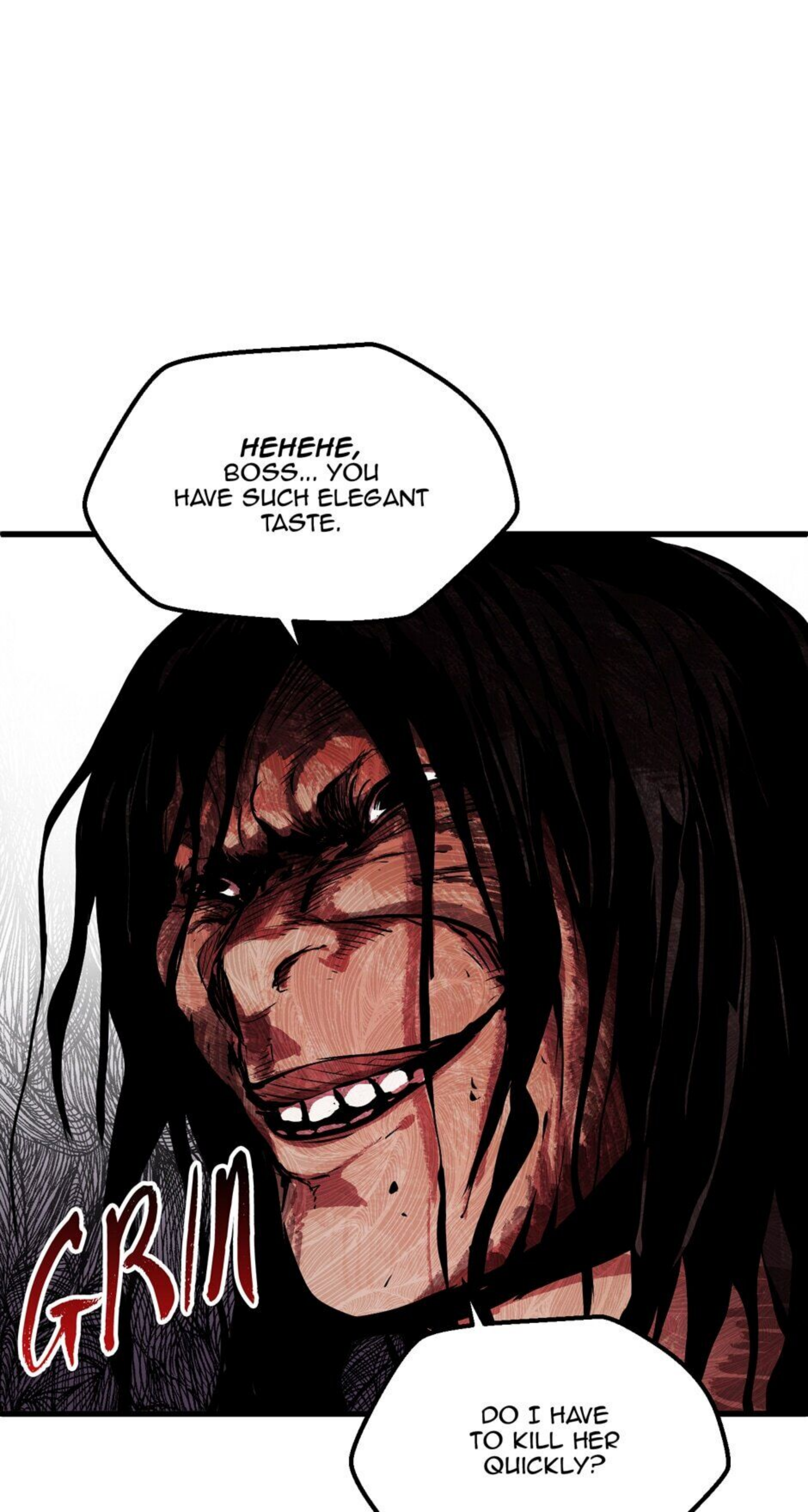
A SACRIFICE.

THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL SORRY...

SINCE, THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT.

CREAK

THUD


HEHEHE,
BOSS... YOU HAVE SUCH ELEGANT TASTE.
GRIN
DO I HAVE TO KILL HER QUICKLY?

SINCE YOU'VE JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON,

DO WHAT YOU WANT.

SNAP

GAME START.